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SUBJECT: IRELAND AGREES WITH UN REFORM DRAFT RESOLUTION

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On June 29, emboffs delivered reftel points to Department of Foreign Affairs UN/Terrorism and Illicit Drugs Section Director John Deady and First Secretary Brian Cahalane. Deady said that Ireland, like other EU Member States, agreed with nearly everything in the U.S. Draft Resolution and supported the adoption of as many of the recommended reforms as possible. He cautioned, however, that the issue now was one of timing more than substance and that the U.S. push for a General Assembly vote could provoke a negative reaction leading to the resolution's defeat.

Deady also remarked that the GOI was pleased with the consensus decision to lift the UN spending cap and he added that the U.S. flexibility on the spending cap has helped to ease the recently divisive atmosphere at the UN.

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